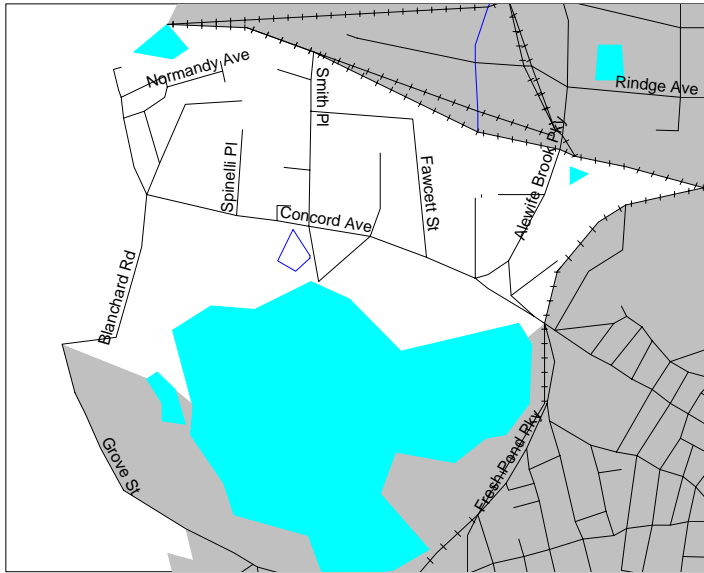
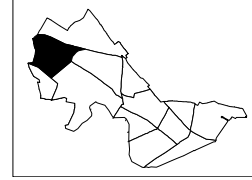


NEIGHBORHOOD 12

HIGHLANDS



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, the Belmont line, and Fresh Pond.

POPULATION: 673 residents
281 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,125

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included is walking route 12C.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, JAN-JUNE 00 - 04

CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	2	2	4	2	0
Street Robbery	0	0	1	1	1
Auto Theft	2	5	4	1	4
Larceny from MVs	8	8	3	14	13
Malicious Destruction	15	16	7	14	26
Drug Incidents	1	0	3	1	1

2004 FIRST HALF IN REVIEW

Malicious destruction heated up in this neighborhood, due mainly to a spree of tire slashings on New Year's Day at Fresh Pond Mall parking lots. There was another small spree at this same location in June in which the windows of several cars were smashed. Many of these incidents were likely failed larcenies from motor vehicles. Historically, about three quarters of the vandalism reports in the Highlands occur at this location, which is the largest parking lot in the neighborhood and serves the neighborhood's busiest commercial development. • The lone **street robbery** of the first six months in the Highlands neighborhood occurred in April when a female victim was strong armed by a drug addict at a Concord Ave ATM. • There has not been a **housebreak** reported in this neighborhood in over eleven months. • Three of the **auto thefts** occurred at Fresh Pond mall parking lots. One of the incidents was subsequent to the aforementioned vandalism spree at that location. • The one **drug incident** was an arrest which took place on Alewife Brook Parkway involving a marijuana transaction. • Most of the **larcenies from motor vehicles** occurred during the June spree at Fresh Pond Mall parking lots. Two suspects were arrested at this location in late June attempting to steal a laptop from an auto, and this pattern has since dissipated.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR HIGHLANDS AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank '81-'90*	1991-2002	Rank '91-'02*	Rank 2003*
Housebreaks	6	13	3	13	12
Street Robbery	8	12	3	13	13
Auto Theft	54	11	14	12	13
Larceny from MVs	38	12	21	12	12
Malicious Destruction	28	12	25	12	10

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridge Highlands' minuscule population makes for very little residential criminal activity in the neighborhood. In addition to 281 households, the Highlands' border encompasses the Fresh Pond Mall, the northern part of Fresh Pond, and a number of warehouses. Most crime here is commercial, and is covered in the business district profiles.

- Cambridge Highlands vies with Strawberry Hill for the lowest index crime totals in the city. For nearly all index crimes this decade, it has ranked twelfth or thirteenth out of the 13 neighborhoods.
- Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicles, and malicious destruction** have occasionally become a problem in the Fresh Pond Mall and Fresh Pond Cinema parking lot. Mall security, however, has drastically reduced such incidents in recent years—almost to the point of statistical insignificance. Small patterns of automobile-related crimes have been known to emerge on Smith Place and Mooney Street.
- Larcenies from persons** exhibits some patterns around the Fresh Pond Mall and the Fresh Pond Cinema, where pocketpickers use the darkness of the theater to conceal their crimes.

